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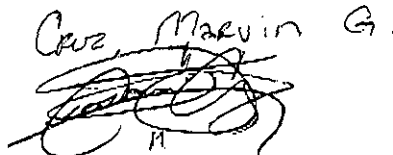
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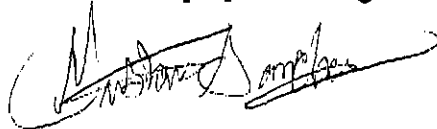
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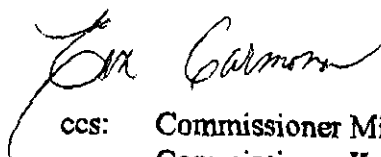
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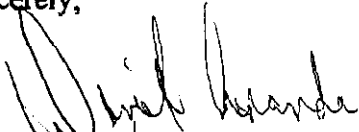
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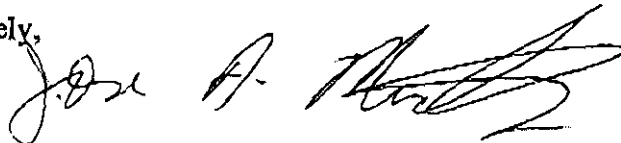
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FROM: Special Access Reform Coalition (SPARC)
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RE: Meeting with Chris Libertelli and Bryan Tramont regarding Special
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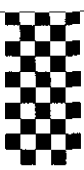
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Please email (brmoir@worldnet.att.net) or call me (202-331-9852) if you have any questions about this request.

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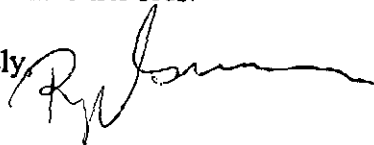
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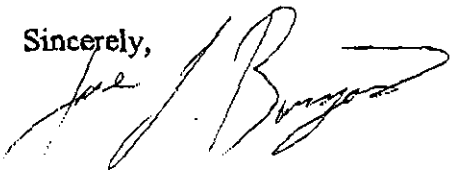
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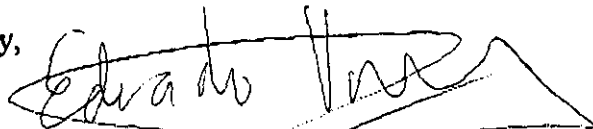
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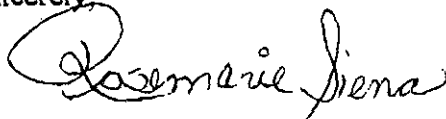
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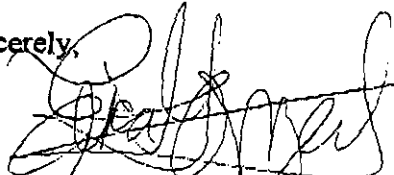
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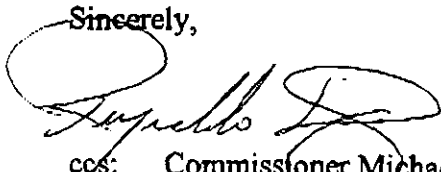
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